

## VIENNA NOT EAGER TO SEND TROOPS TO FRENCH FRONT

Latest Offensive Apparently Begun to Prove Men Can't Be Spared.

ROME, Wednesday, Feb. 14.—Although the Austrian press in the last few weeks has been referring to preparations for an offensive, which they say the Italians are making as justification for the assertion that it is impossible to withdraw either men or guns to help Germany in a supreme effort in France, Field Marshal Boroevic, the Austrian commander, apparently wishes to bring an end to the period of inactivity. He is resuming his battering ram tactics in the mountain section.

In the last three days the Austrians have engaged in vigorous actions against the new Italian line in the Brenzola and Bellia Valleys, where important positions were wrested from the Austrians a short time ago. The enemy preceded his infantry attacks by violent bombardments, but when the Austrian infantrymen attempted to press forward, as they did in the Bellia Valley by advancing into the Sella and Vallette Woods, they came under the fire of Italian light and medium artillery and machine guns, which compelled them to beat a retreat with enormous losses before even reaching the Italian trenches.

The Austrians met with another and equally severe check in the Brenzola Valley yesterday.

In the course of this fighting, Lieut. Ranza, an aviator, brought down two enemy airplanes, increasing the number of his victories in aerial encounters to sixteen.

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## AMERICANS ARE COMING, WARNS A GERMAN PAPER

Declares It Is Useless for Germany to Hide From That Fact.

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## A FRIEND

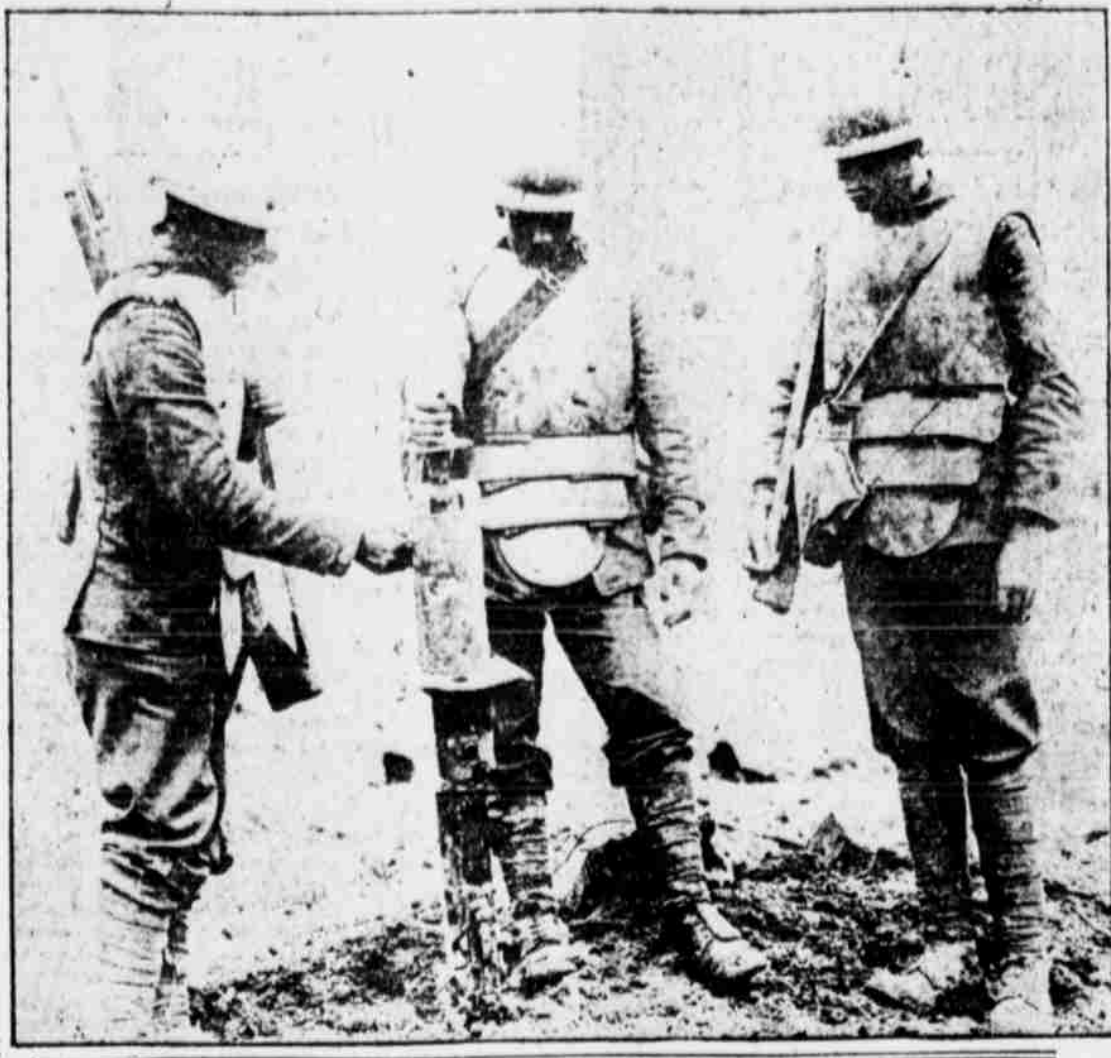
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## These Are Not Mail-Clad Troops of the Middle Ages, But Irish Guards in Armor Captured From Germans



IRISH SOLDIERS IN GERMAN ARMOR. (UNDERWOOD & UNDERWOOD)

## FRENCH AGAIN SMASH INTO ENEMY'S TRENCHES

Reach Third Line Defenses and Return With More Than 100 Prisoners.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—French troops have carried out a big raid in the Champagne south of Butte Mesnil, last night's Paris official bulletin says. The raid was made on a front of 1,200 yards. German positions as far as the third line were penetrated and more than 100 prisoners taken.

British troops made a successful raid Tuesday night southeast of Harcourt, capturing eleven prisoners, including an officer. The artillery was active near Ypres, on the Alsace front, and north-west of Rheims.

## POUGHKEEPSIE MAN A GERMAN PRISONER

Van De Mark in Camp Ducloux Is Being Cared For by the Red Cross.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Feb. 14.—Myron D. Van De Mark of New Paltz, one of the American engineers captured by the Germans at Cambrai, enlisted last June. He is twenty-two years old and was formerly employed by a Poughkeepsie contracting company.

Mrs. A. R. Van De Mark, the engineer's mother, first received word from her son on Tuesday of last week, when she got a postal card signed by him stating that he was a prisoner of war and was "sound." This card was written on Dec. 2. Later in the week she received word from the American Red Cross at Washington to the effect that her son was being provided with food and clothing.

## POLISH MINISTRY QUILTS IN PROTEST AGAINST UKRAINE

Peace Treaty With Germany Hands Polish Territory Over to the Ukrainians.

ZURICH, Feb. 14.—Resignation of the Polish Cabinet because of dissatisfaction with the terms of the separate peace between Ukraine and the Central Powers was officially announced in Warsaw despatches today.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Count Ladislas Sobanski, representative in London of the Polish National Committee, today declared that the Austro-German peace with the Ukraine changes the frontiers to the detriment of Poland.

"The new frontier," he says, "incorporates territories much more extensive than were contained in the former government of Poland. This action was taken in spite of the opposition of Polish deputies in the Duma. The object of the Central Powers in fixing the frontiers is clear. They want not only to compensate the Ukraine for all it gives to Austria, but they wish to create a state of friction and controversy between two neighbors who might come to an understanding and establish friendly relations dangerous to projects of domination and intrigue which have continued always in playing off the Ukrainians against the Poles."

**Polish Troops in Russia Send Delegation to Warsaw.**  
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 14.—The Tagesschau Rundschau of Berlin announces that a delegation of Polish troops from Russia has arrived secretly at Warsaw on a special mission to the Polish Cabinet.

Petrograd despatches carry this month said that about 200 Polish troops in the Russian Army had expressed a desire to return from Russia to Poland, but had been stopped by a German objection to the plan. Germany, it was said, absolutely refused to permit their repatriation. The Polish troops have maintained their unit intact in the face of the Bolshevik reorganization measures. The soldiers still are commanded by their old officers, the Bolshevik idea of reducing the officers to the ranks and electing new ones have been resisted.

## TO REPAY AFTER 18 YEARS.

Former Clerk Hubert Must Refund \$250 Deposit to Woman.

Former County Clerk Peter Hubert of Brooklyn today was ordered by Justice Clarke to repay to Mrs. Sarah A. Dixon \$250 which she deposited eighteen years ago as security for the costs in a lawsuit. The money was deposited with William Wuest, Hubert's predecessor, and turned over to the latter, when he took office in January, 1900. The suit was discontinued last June.

Mr. Hubert found that the money had been turned over to him, but could not recall what had become of it. He told the court he was willing to make good the amount.

## COW BRINGS \$3,050 AT SALE.

Stacy Head of Cattle Sold \$34,550 at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 14.—Sixty three-year-old cow, owned by J. H. Stacy of this city, was sold at the Kansas City Stock Yards for a total of \$34,550, an average price of \$550 a head. The cow, called "Stacy," was sold by W. H. Johnson of this city to Minneapolis for \$3,050, a seven-year-old cow.

## PRESIDENT ORDERS INQUIRY INTO HUGE HOG ISLAND OUTLAY

Attorney General to Determine if Government Funds Have Been Misused.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—At the request of the Shipping Board, which charges gross mismanagement and reckless spending of Government money, President Wilson today directed Attorney General Gregory to investigate the American International Corporation's construction of the Government fabricating steel shipyard at Hog Island, Pa., and determine if there has been any criminal misuse of Government funds.

A special assistant to the Attorney General will be sent immediately to Hog Island to work with F. A. Bowles, Assistant General Manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, whom Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board placed in charge of the project three weeks ago with full powers to reorganize.

Although the Shipping Board has no facts to indicate there has been criminal dereliction, it wants to ascertain the true situation and learn just how money put up by the Government has been spent.

Testimony before the Senate committee investigating shipping has shown that construction of the yard will cost the Government from \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000, although original estimates placed its cost at \$21,000,000. The work is being done by a subsidiary of the American International Corporation. The head of the mother company is Frank A. Vanderlip, President of the National City Bank of New York.

Members of the Senate Committee have indicated they may recommend that the Government take over construction of the yard and do the work itself.

## WELCOME INQUIRY, SAYS OFFICIALS OF SHIPBUILDING COMPANY.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—Officials of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation declared today that they would welcome the Hog Island investigation, which President Wilson directed Attorney General Gregory to conduct. A portion of the steel of the first 120 ships contracted for at the yard was laid this week. Fifty shipways are being constructed at the plant, the plans for which call for the greatest project of the kind ever attempted in this country.

## GERMANS KIDNAP 2,700 MORE BELGIAN WORKERS

Residents of Town in East Flanders Put on Military Tasks on Western Front.

HAVRE, Feb. 14.—Deportations of Belgians by the Germans are continuing, despite the protestations to the contrary by the German authorities, according to information received by the Belgian Government.

## SOLD CITY WATER, IS CHARGE

Blythebourne Co. Accused of Supplying Patrons From Municipal Mains.

Mayor Hylan today accused the Blythebourne Water Company of Brooklyn of charging for water that the city has supplied. Nicholas J. Hayes, Commissioner of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity, has been requested to lay the matter before the Law Department.

## 13,264 GERMANS IN CHICAGO

Allen Registration Figures Also Given Out in Other Cities.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Completion of registration of German aliens in Chicago shows 13,264 names. It was announced today.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14.—There are 6,481 unregistered Germans in this city who registered as enemy aliens. It is stated, however, that many failed to register.

## TURKEY TO START WORK ON TUNNEL TO ASIA MINOR

Parliament Has Passed a Bill Authorizing Preliminary Work on the Proposed Tunnel from Europe to Asia Minor, According to the Constantinople Correspondent of the Associated Press.

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## BROOKLYN BRIDGE TEARS TOPMASTS FROM SCHOONER

Vessel Misjudges Height of Span and Is Forced to Put in at Pier for Repairs.

The Brooklyn Bridge did for the lumbered American schooner Perry Setzer what raging tempest, lightning, roaring gales and mountainous seas on a 120-day voyage from the coast of Africa failed to do.

When the vessel was being towed this morning from her anchorage off the Rector to her dock at East 34th Street to unload, passing under the East River's great span, three of her topmasts were carried away and the cross-tree of her mainmast also went by the board.

The bridge, at high water, is 133 feet high, but the fore, main and mizen topmasts of the schooner are higher. In succession, each went down with a crash, the spars dangling from the guy ropes and bits of wreckage showering the deck. The bridge was unharmed.

The Perry Setzer registers 1,237 tons and is 216 feet in length over all and has a beam of 40 feet.

## SPRING-RICE DIES SUDDENLY, VICTIM OF HIS WAR WORK

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before the Canadian Club here on the diplomatic side of the war.

Funeral services will be held for Sir Cecil in St. Bartholomew's Church here Saturday afternoon and his body will be buried in Ottawa at Beechwood Cemetery.

Lady Spring-Rice is a daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Frank Lascelles and a cousin of the Duke of Devonshire.

## DIPLMATIC WASHINGTON SHOCKED BY NEWS OF DEATH.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—Diplomatic Washington was shocked today by the news of the sudden death of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, who retired after nearly five years' service as British Ambassador to the United States early last month in favor of Lord Reading.

Secretary Lansing sent the following message to Lady Spring-Rice:

"In the name of the President and of all those with whom Sir Cecil was brought into official contact I offer you sincere condolences. It has been given to few men to rise as Sir Cecil did to the heights of great international emergency, and to become, as he was, the fortunate medium through which our two nations drew into closer touch and became sharers in the great task which has been imposed upon the world."

Secretary Lansing also sent to Foreign Minister Balfour a message of condolences, saying: "The Government of the United States joins with the British Government in mourning the great loss which has been suffered."

A representative of the American Government will be sent to Ottawa for the funeral services.

Officials here pointed out that Sir Cecil had been under tremendous strain from the responsibilities devolving upon him, especially during the negotiations on the operation of the allied blockade before the United States entered the war, and that this no doubt hastened his death.

Sir Cecil, who became British Ambassador here May 6, 1914, succeeding Ambassador James Bryce, now Viscount Bryce, was born in 1859 and spent many years in the British Diplomatic Service. He came to Washington first as Third Assistant Secretary of the Embassy in 1886.

After serving for a time at Brussels and Tokio, he was again transferred to Washington in 1904. He was subsequently charged d'Affaires and Minister to Peru from 1906-1908. He then became Minister to Sweden, and later to Norway, before he was created K. C. M. G. in 1909.

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